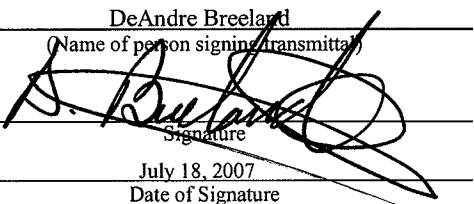


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on April 19, 2007, having a three-month statutory period of response set to expire on July 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.